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1. WE HAVE CAREFULLY REVIEWED QUESTIONS RAISED REF A.
AS STATED REF B, AND DESPITE VIEWS OF CERTAIN DANISH
MILITARY OFFICIALS, STATE AND DOD FULLY AGREE THAT ARTICLE
3 OF NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY IS NOT RPT NOT SUFFICIENT
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ITSELF AS FRAMEWORK FOR BILATERAL ARRANGEMENT
IN SUPPORT OF US FORCES WITH SUBORDINATE TECHNICAL
AGREEMENTS. UMBRELLA AGREEMENT IS CLEARLY REQUIRED AND
DANES SHOULD BE SO ADVISED AT APPROPRIATE TIME.

2. WE HAVE OPEN MIND ON WHETHER BILATERAL UMBRELLA

AGREEMENT BINDING ON BOTH US AND DANISH GOVERNMENTS
COULD BEST BE NEGOTIATED THROUGH DIPLOMATIC OR MILITARY
CHANNELS. IF EMBASSY DOES NOT HAVE PREFERENCE OR FORSEES
DIFFICULTIES WITH EITHER CHANNEL, WE SUGGEST THAT POLITICAL
COUNSELOR APPROACH MFA OR MOD AT ITS DISCRETION

TO PRESENT USG THINKING PER REF C, EMPHASIZING OUR
CONVICTION THAT UMBRELLA AGREEMENT NECESSARY, AND SEEK
DANISH VIEWS AND PREFERENCES WITH RESPECT TO NEGOTIATION
CHANNEL. FYI: WE DO NOT RPT NOT ANTICIPATE NEED FOR
PERMANENT STATIONING IN DENMARK OF USG PERSONNEL IN
CONNECTION WITH LOC ARRANGEMENTS. END FYI.

3. WITH RESPECT TO FURTHER NATO STAFFING, WE WISH TO
EMPHASIZE THAT, WHILE LOC AGREEMENTS ARE UNDER NATO AEGIS,
THEY ARE IN FACT BILATERAL AGREEMENTS TO PROVIDE
LINES OF COMMUNICATION TO SUPPORT US FORCES. THE QUESTION
OF NATO STAFFING SHOULD THEREFORE NOT RPT NOT ARISE. LOC
AGREEMENTS ARE FULLY CONSISTENT WITH SHAPE CONTINGENCY
PLANNING FOR NORTHERN FLANK AND ARE PROCEEDING WITH FULL
ENDORSEMENT OF SACEUR AS EXPRESSED IN SACEUR FLEXIBILITY
STUDY FOR NORTHERN FLANK AS WELL AS OTHER SACEUR DOCUMENTS
AND STATEMENTS. IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, WE WISH TO STEER
COMPLETELY AWAY FROM ANY KIND OF DANISH DESIRE OR REQUIREMENT
FOR NATO STAFFING AS PART OF BILATERAL LOC NEGOTIATIONS.

4. WE LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING EMBASSY AND/OR DANISH
VIEWS BEFORE PROCEEDING WITH CIRCULAR 175 REQUEST
FOR AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE.

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